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INFO AMCONSUL TRIESTE

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SUBJECT: TRIESTE/ZONE B DISPUTE

REF: ROME 10647

1. INITIAL YUGOSLAV REACTION TO MORO STATEMENT ON TRIESTE HAS BEEN REITERATION OF STANDARD LINE THAT ITALIANS MUST RETRACT TERRITORIAL CLAIM BEFORE RELATIONS CAN BE NORMALIZED. AUGUST 3 EDITION ZAGREB DAILY "VJESNIK" SAYS MORO STATEMENT DOES NOT INDICATE ITALIAN DESIRE OR INTENTION TO "WITHDRAW PUBLICLY AND CLEARLY THE CLEARLY STATED TERRITORIAL PRETENTION...AND THEREBY DO AWAY WITH THE CRISIS IN ITALIAN-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS WHICH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT ITSELF PROVOKED DELIBERATELY". CALLING THE MORO STATEMENT A CONTINUATION OF OLD TACTICS, THE ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT SUCH ACTIONS "CANNOT PAVE THE WAY FOR NORMALIZATION OF ITALIAN RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA, AND THIS IS PERFECTLY CLEAR EVEN TO THE GOVERNMENT IN ROME", WHICH IS "FULLY AWARE THAT THE 'QUESTION' OF THE BORDERS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WAS SETTLED TWENTY YEARS AGO, AND THAT THEREFORE THERE IS NO PACKAGE DEALJZM

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2. ONLY NOTICE TO DATE IN BELGRADE PRESS OF MORO STATEMENT WAS

AUGUST 3 POLITIKA PICKUP OF TANJUG ITEM DATED LINED ROME WHICH REPORTED WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT COMMENT REACTION VARIOUS ITALIAN POLITICAL FIGURES TO MORO STATEMENT.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH
DCM AUGUST 2, ITALIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR
SARAGAT SAID ITALIANS INTENDED MORO STATEMENT TO BE CONCILIATORY AND WOULD BE WATCHING WITH INTEREST TO SEE WHETHER YUGOSLAVS TOOK IT IN THAT VEIN.

4. WE FIND SURPRISING FARNESINA INDICATION REPORTED REFTEL THAT SECRET YUGOSLAV-ITALIAN DIALOGUE ON TRIESTE HAS BEEN CONTINUING. CONSISTENT YUGOSLAV POSITION (REITERATED TO US IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS) HAS BEEN THAT THERE CAN BE NO TALKS UNTIL THE MARCH 11 NOTE IS WITHDRAWN. WE HAVE NO BASIS ON WHICH TO CONFIRM FARNESINA CLAIM, AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION EMBASSY ROME CAN PROVIDE REGARDING NATURE AND LEVEL OF THESE SUPPOSED TALKS.
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